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SUMMARY:

1. IN YEAR-END REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL SITUATION CARRIED BY PARTY DAILY NEPSZABADSAG, POLITBURO FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPERT ZOLTAN KOMOCSIN COMMENTS RE SIGNIFICANCE OF GERMANY TO EUROPEAN SECURITY, DND IMPORTANCE OF RELATIONS WITH SPD. END SUMMARY.

2. TAKING AS POINT OF VIEW DEBATE ARGUMENT THAT EUROPE HAS EXTRAORDINARY IMPORTANCE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, KOMOCSIN DECLARES THAT "PRINCIPLE GOAL OF EUROPEAN POLICY IS PREVENTION OF NEW FOCI FOR POTENTIAL WAR ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GERMAN SOIL". SAYS "GREAT SIGNIFICANCE" TO BE ATTRIBUTED TO FACT THAT "WE FIND FIRST GERMAN WORKER-

PEASANT STATE AT SIDE OF USSR AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES".
ADDS THAT "SO-CALLED GERMAN QUESTION" GREATLY HELPED
TOWARD SOLUTION BY FOUR POWER WEST BERLIN AGREEMENTS
BUT HASTENS TO WARN THAT "WE MUST REMAIN VIGILANT AGAINST
ATTEMPTS TO TREAT WEST BERLIN AS IF IT WERE PART OF FRG".

3. KOMOCSIN GOES ON TO SAY THAT FROM STANDPOINT OF
EUROPEAN PEACE AND SECURITY, NEW CHAPTER HAS BEGUN WITH
ESTABLISHMENT OF FRG RELATIONS WITH EE. ARGUES THAT
SIGNATORIES THESE AGREEMENTS AGREE ON PRINCIPLES OF
PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE, ACCEPT NOW AND FOR FUTURE
PRESENT EUROPEAN BORDERS, HAVE DECLARED MUNICH AGREEMENT
NULL AND VOID, AND HAVE RENOUNCED USE OF FORCE AND CHOSEN
PATH OF NEGOTIATIONS. "AS RESULT OF EVENTS OF PAST FEW
DAYS, SO-CALLED GERMAN QUESTION AS IT DEVELOPED AFTER
END OF WW II HAS CEASED TO EXIST", HE OPINES.

4. KOMOCSIN THEN TURNED HIS ATTENTION TO SPD WHOSE

POLICIES, HE DECLARES, MUST BE VIEWED WITHOUT ILLUSIONS.
SPD STILL REPRESENTS CAPITALISM, AND HAS NOTHING TO DO
WITH SOCIALISM OR MARXISM. ITS FOREIGN POLICY IS TIED
TO MONOPOLISTIC INTERESTS AND ITS PRINCIPAL GOAL IS TO
STRENGTHEN RELATIONS WITH US AND NATO. ANTI-COMMUNISM
AND NATIONALISM BELONG TO ITS ARSENAL. NEVERTHELESS,
SAYS KOMOCSIN, THERE IS STILL A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SPD
AND RIGHTIST BOURGEOIS PARTIES MORE OPENLY SERVING
MONOPOLISTIC INTERESTS. NEW POSSIBILITIES HAVE BEEN
OPENED, HE DECLARES, "WITHIN BOUNDS OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY
PRINCIPLES TO SEARCH FOR POINTS OF AGREEMENT WITH SPD".
HE QUICKLY ADDS THAT HSWP "WHICH OF COURSE GIVES PRIORITY
TO DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS WITH OUR SISTER COMPARTY IN
FRG, WILL SEIZE EVERY OPPORTUNITY IN FUTURE TO CARRY OUT
DISCUSSIONS OF PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST WITH SPD".

5. KOMOCSIN COMMENTS ARE FIRST HIGH-LEVEL REACTION
REFLECTING GOH SATISFACTION OVER OUTCOME OF TALKS WITH
WEST GERMANS. PRESS HAS TRIED TO PORTRAY TERMS OF
RELATIONS AS FAVORABLE TO SOCIALIST CAMP BECAUSE FRG
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ALLEGEDLY BACKED OFF OF ATTEMPT TO "INTERPRET FOUR-
POWER AGREEMENT ON WEST BERLIN IN PECULIAR WAY DIFFERENT
FROM INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE".

6. KOMOCSIN'S CALL FOR WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH SPD
COULD BE INTERPRETED AS UNDISGUISED MEDDLING IN INTERNAL
GERMAN POLITICS AND IT IS NOT LIKELY TO WIN HIM KUDOS FROM
EITHER SPD OR CDU. NOT UNSURPRISINGLY, HE INDICATES GOH
(AND PRESUMABLY OTHER WP COUNTRIES) AGAIN QUITE WILLING
TO SACRIFICE TIES WITH LOCAL COMAPRTY IN INTEREST OF

IMPRIVED RELATIONS WITH PARTY'S ARCH NEMIES IN POWER.
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